



CITY OF BAYPORT
294 NORTH 3RD STREET
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**CITY COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION
JOINT WORKSHOP
City Hall - Council Chambers
December 15, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

***** Please note: There will be no public comment taken at the workshop. *****

CALL TO ORDER

**INTRODUCTION TO MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4) AND
MINIMAL IMPACT DESIGN STANDARDS (MIDS)**

- **Presentation by City Engineer SEH on MS4 program and permit requirements**
- **Presentation by Mike Isensee, Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization on MIDS and the St. Croix Communities Clean Water Project**

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

ADJOURN (By 7:30 p.m.)



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Date: December 9, 2014

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Planning Commissioners

From: Logan Martin, City Administrator
Sara Taylor, Assistant City Administrator/Planner

Re: Supplemental Information for December 15 Joint Workshop

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the joint Planning Commission / City Council workshop is to introduce and inform the groups about two upcoming opportunities for the City of Bayport in terms of stormwater management. A brief introduction of each program is below, and representatives from SEH and the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management District will be at the workshop to provide a more detailed background on these programs and respond to any questions.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

The City has been notified by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) that it is now classified as having a “municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)” and will be required to comply with applicable stormwater management regulations and apply for a permit. An MS4 is a system of stormwater conveyances (roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, storm drains, etc.) that is owned or operated by a public entity and is used for conveying stormwater. The MS4 General Permit program is administered by the MPCA and is designed to reduce the amount of sediment and pollution that enters surface and ground water. Stormwater discharges associated with MS4s are subject to regulation under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS). Through the MS4 General Permit, the system owner is required to develop a stormwater pollution prevention program that incorporates best management practices applicable to their MS4. The City is already doing many of the activities required by the program, but will also need to review and update ordinances, standards and procedures to comply with these new requirements.

SEH has considerable experience with the MS4 program and staff intends to work directly with SEH to prepare for these impending changes and achieve compliance with the standards. Engineers from SEH will be on hand on Monday night to discuss this program in further detail.

Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS)

The City has been approached by the Middle St. Croix Watershed Management Organization (MSCWMO) to consider participation in the voluntary Minimal Impact Design Standards (MIDS) program. MIDS is a flexible stormwater management framework developed to help communities meet state and federal water quality standards, such as those required by MS4. MIDS was developed over three years by a diverse group of Minnesota stakeholders (including the League of Minnesota Cities Stormwater Coalition) to identify state-wide science-based standards, credits and flexible treatment options that are easy to implement at the local level.

The MSCWMO applied for and received a Clean Water Fund grant to provide assistance to communities interested in implementing MIDS. This grant provides technical assistance to review and modify local ordinances in collaboration with community staff, planning commission and council. The MSCWMO is proposing to utilize these grant funds with the City of Bayport to take a comprehensive look at our ordinances and to provide professional assistance in rewriting certain ordinances to better address stormwater management. It is anticipated that a number of the ordinance changes proposed through the MIDS process will address requirements imposed upon the City via its designation as an MS4 community.

Staff from the MSCWMO will provide a more detailed presentation on the MIDS program and respond to any further questions at the December 15, 2014 workshop.